

**CHAPTER NO. 608**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1267**

**By Representative Windle**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 281**

**By Senators Davis, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, relative to forestry practices at state parks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of environment and conservation shall prohibit the forestry practice of clear-cutting in all state parks. The department of environment and conservation shall not conduct clear-cutting operations in such parks, nor permit any other person or lessee to conduct clear-cutting operations in such parks.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, clear-cutting may be permitted in state parks in cases of natural disaster or insect infestation provided that the department of environment and conservation has determined prior to any such clear-cutting that it is a reasonable and appropriate response to such disaster or infestation and that it is consistent with the department's duty to preserve and maintain the parks. Such clear-cutting may occur only in a manner approved in advance by the department.


SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 3, 2002**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR